

REMARKS

The Examiner has restricted claims 1-18 and has identified the following groups of claims in the detailed action:

- I. Group I, claims 1-7, drawn to a cosmetic method of skin lightening comprising applying to the skin, classified in Class 424, subclass 401;
- II. Group II, claims 8-17, drawn to a cosmetic composition and a compound of general formula I, classified in Class 424, subclass 401; and
- III. Group III, claim 18, which is drawn to a process for synthesizing, classified in Class 424, subclass 756.

Applicants elect, with traverse, to prosecute claims 8-17, identified as Group II.

Applicants respectfully submit that all claims of record can be examined without serious burden to the Examiner; and therefore, the election is made with traverse.

In the event the Examiner has any questions, he or she is kindly invited to contact Applicants' undersigned counsel at his or her earliest convenience.

Respectfully submitted,



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